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JAN 21, 1977

1. DIRECTOR FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, LJUBOMIR DULOVIC, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING STATUS OF US PLANS TO JOIN YUGOSLAV DELEGATION IN GENEVA ON JAN 21, 1977 TO JOINTLY CELEBRATE NIKOLA TESLA ANNIVERSARY. CEREMONY IS PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH "WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR RADIO BROADCASTING BY SATELLITE," YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO BE HEADED BY DULOVIC.

2. WHILE IN GENEVA BEGINNING DECEMBER, DULOVIC DISCUSSED IDEA OF CEREMONY WITH R. KIRBY, DIRECTOR OF CCIR, ITU. PRELIMINARY PLANNING CALLED FOR TWENTY MINUTE PRESENTATION ON NIKOLA TESLA BY YUGOSLAV AND AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES. YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESENT BUST OF NIKOLA TESLA TO ITU LIBRARY. SPEECHES TO BE FOLLOWED BY SHOWING OF DOCUMENTARY FILM ON TESLA (USIA AND USIS YUGOSLAVIA COOPERATING WITH NIKOLA TESLA SOCIETY HERE ON FILM). FINALLY, YUGOSLAVS SUGGESTING JOINT RECEPTION TO BE HOSTED BY CHIEFS US AND YUGOSLAV DELEGATIONS TO CONFERENCE.

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3. KIRBY'S SECRETARY IN GENEVA INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE CURRENTLY IN USA. HE DID, HOWEVER, COMMUNICATE WITH JOHN O'NEILL, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS IN DEPARTMENT, ABOUT YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL. HE HAS ALSO CORRESPONDED WITH PROFESSOR SCHILLING, AT CUNY, PRESUMABLY ABOUT DELIVERING TALK ON TESLA.

4. DULOVIC, WHO HAS WORKED WITH EMBASSY ON RADIO FREQUENCY QUESTIONS IN PAST, PRESSING FOR US ANSWER HIS PROPOSAL, SO THAT INVITATIONS CAN BE PRINTED AND PLANS MADE FOR CEREMONY AND ENSUING RECEPTION. HE CLAIMS TOTAL COST OF RECEPTION WOULD AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY TWENTY THOUSAND SWISS FRANCS.

5. EMBASSY, RECALLING SUCCESSFUL NIKOLA TESLA CELEBRATIONS IN US (NIAGRA AND BROOKHAVEN) AND YUGOSLAVIA LAST SUMMER, WILL BE GLAD TO COMMUNICATE TO DULOVIC US REACTION TO HIS SUGGESTION, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY YUGOSLAV GOVT. YORK

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